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The Second Hundred Years....

After a century of effort in the field of historic preservation, which began in New York State in 1850, probably no news could be more welcome than this: The second century has started with two national preservation organizations that are rapidly coming out of the foundling stage. The months since the last "Quarterly Report" was offered have been filled with a great deal of activity, all of which augurs well for the future of this movement.

On May 1, the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States was activated. The group of men and women who were elected Trustees by the Executive Board of the National Council met with Trustees named in the Act of Congress. So intensive and extensive was the discussion that there had to be an afternoon session as well as a morning session. They took seriously the job that was in front of them, did it expeditiously. To the firm foundation that had been provided by the growing National Council they added strength - and hope.

Since it had already been realized that the fate of the two organizations was linked strongly and that only a joint program could be effective, the selection of a Chairman of the Trustees was an important decision. Named to the position was David E. Finley. General U. S. Grant, 3rd, and George A. McAneny were elected Vice Chairmen. Ronald F. Lee was named Secretary. C. F. Jacobsen, President of the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D. C., agreed to become the Treasurer.

This is a strong slate of officers, for all of these men have participated in the origination of the national preservation movement. Moreover, they are men who have given and will continue to give the time and the energy that will be necessary to assure continued growth. They are men who are determined to capitalize on the start that has been made and to carry out the program that has been laid out.

To insure progress, a further step was taken. Henry H. Surface, an attorney with experience in administrative affairs, has been selected to serve as Administrator and General Counsel of the National Trust and the National Council. He and Frederick L. Rath, Jr., who was named Director of both organizations, will work together, sharing the responsibilities of leadership under the supervision of the Executive Committees of both Trust and Council with an augmented staff. They are now in their new Headquarters in the Octagon House, giving impetus to an accelerated program.

All of this would not have been possible without the loyal support not only of the individual members but also of the member organizations of the National Council. Again and again it has been noted here that this effort cannot be sustained by a few men and women alone. Everyone who believes in the preservation movement must contribute in some way to its progress, else we shall fail. The new revitalized joint program of the National Council and the National Trust will need more and more help from its membership, for its work is expanding. The Report that follows will testify to that. Perhaps it might be well to bear in mind the fact that the more you help the Trust and Council, the more effective will be the job they do and the more they will be able to help you.

In and Out of Headquarters. It is never possible in the abbreviated "Quarterly Reports" to do more than touch lightly on the main events in the passing history of your National Council. Sometimes the range of activities of your officers, elected and appointed, is summarized in some special notice. On June 14, General Grant was the principal speaker at a Flag Day ceremony held in Detroit, Michigan. Several days later the following editorial appeared in "The Detroit News":

Built on Ideals

> Major General U. S. Grant, III, national leader of the movement to preserve our historic shrines, said words during his Detroit visit that should cause all of us to reflect more deeply on the meaning of things.
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> He said that he would not favor preserving one wall or building if there was nothing but age in its favor. But he added that this nation is built on ideals, and that unless we preserve the physical reminders of our forebears who served these ideals and gave them their solid setting in the early life of the nation, what we now call the march of progress will inevitably crush our own faith in freedom.
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> Nothing better than this has ever been said on the subject.
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> It is the final justification of the work of all who labor to remind us by every means possible that history is a living force, directed toward the best purposes of generations present and future.

In the middle of May the change of physical headquarters from the Ford Theatre in Washington, D. C., to the Octagon House was made without too much confusion. A pleasant byproduct of the move, from the point of view of the staff, was the purchase of furniture and office equipment in keeping with the new quarters. There has been a definite psychological stimulus in being in offices so appropriate to the work that is being undertaken. Members and friends will always be welcomed sincerely and heartily.

With the appointment of Mr. Henry H. Surface as Administrator of both the Council and the Trust, there has been some internal reorganization. Mrs. Virginia Nelson, who has had wide experience in allied fields, has been appointed Assistant to the Administrator. The joint program of both organizations is being re-evaluated and put into motion. A further report on this will be given in the next issue of the "Quarterly Report"

Dates have been set for the Fourth Annual Meeting of the National Council. This year it will be held in Washington on October 19 and 20. A Program Committee is now at work lining up the same sort of brilliant agenda that has characterized all earlier annual meetings. Further special notice will be sent out shortly to all members.

The National Council continues to grow. We are happy to welcome at this time six new member organizations, from North, South, East, and West. Now there are 61 organizations lending their support to the national preservation movement. The new additions are:

Old Lincoln County Memorial Commission (Lincoln, New Mexico)
The Municipal Art Society (New York City)
Old Fort No. 4 Associates (Charlestown, New Hampshire)
Old Salem, Inc. (Winston-Salem, North Carolina)
Roosevelt Memorial Association (New York City)
Virginia City Foundation Trust (Virginia City, Nevada)

Two old and good friends of preservation, both of whom were founding members of the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings, died this spring. Stephan H. P. Pell was the man whose lifework became the preservation of Fort Ticonderoga in New York State. What he has done there will remain a memorial to him. On the West Coast, author Dixon Wecter passed on suddenly and unexpectedly. Mr. Wecter noted some time ago that sheer distance might prevent active participation in all that the National Council hoped to do, but he would always be willing to help in any way that he could. We shall miss both of these men.

> From time to time the National Council has pointed out that adaptation of historic buildings to contemporary purposes is sometimes a wholly justifiable compromise in the field of preservation. Since not all buildings worthy of preservation can be saved as historic house museums, ingenuity must often be used to prevent destruction. Two recent examples have come to attention. In Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the Middle Street Baptist Church, after a year of debate, has decided to preserve the Pierce Mansion in Haymarket Square. The National Council urged reconsideration when it was first announced that the historic house was to be destroyed. The building now is to be adapted to parish needs, but the exterior and important parts of the interior will be saved. In Newtown, Pennsylvania, more than $20,000 was contributed by the community to remodel a historic foundry in order to create the Neshaminy Valley Youth Center.

Proposed Preservations

Sandy Hook, New Jersey. The State of New Jersey has requested of the Federal Government that if Sandy Hook is declared surplus by the Army it should be developed as a historic site and seafront park. Conservation of flora and fauna, preservation of historic values, and recreation might be linked here in admirable fashion if the proposal eventuates.

Turlock, California. The Fulkerth Home, dating from the mid-nineteenth century, was offered by its purchaser to any interested party who would undertake its removal to city-owned property. The City Council was not willing to pay for its removal, restoration and maintenance. At last report, there were no takers, despite the renewed interest in preservation in California because of its centennial celebration.

New Richmond, Pennsylvania. Dr. Charles W. Olsen, Chicago physician, has purchased the farm of John Brown of Harper's Ferry fame. He plans to set up a John Brown Farm and Armory project under the auspices of the reactivated John Brown Historical Society. Eventually he proposes to erect a replica of the Abraham Lincoln birthplace cabin and fill it with original Lincoln items which he has collected.

Saint Croix Island, Maine. A further step toward the establishment of this area, which is associated with early French colonization, was taken when the National Park Service received administrative jurisdiction over almost two thirds of the United States Coast Guard Reservation on the island. Private landowners are expected to donate further plots both on the island and mainland to make the national monument, authorized in 1949, possible.

Diamond, Missouri. A bill has been introduced into the Congress to provide for the acquisition of the birthplace of Dr. George Washington Carver, famed Negro scientist, as a national monument.

Winston Salem, North Carolina. Under the auspices of a new organization, "Old Salem, Inc.," which has already become a member organization of the National Council, plans for the preservation of the original Moravian settlement here have gotten under way. A fuller account of this young and energetic movement will be made in the future. One of the greatest delights in this work is that the National Council is beginning to take a more active role in the local movements that are the bulwark of the future.

Portland, Oregon. The proposal has been made that the old Pioneer Post Office be turned over to the City to house historical objects formerly on the battleship "Oregon." The building is currently used by a score of Federal agencies, which would have to find a new home.

Albany, New York. The Albany County Historical Association has undertaken the collection of funds to be added to the Woods Memorial Fund for the restoration of the Ten Broeck Mansion.

Washington, D. C. An intensive campaign has been waged here to insure the preservation of the Old Stone House in Georgetown, one of the few pre-Revolutionary buildings remaining in the District. Washington civic and patriotic groups have urged its preservation before the Congress, which is considering a bill authorizing its purchase. The National Council has supported this campaign.

Los Angeles, California. A fight is still being waged to preserve the historic aspects of the Los Angeles Plaza. Although the suggestion had been offered that the area be made into a State Park, the City Council adopted a report of the State, County and Federal Affairs Committee recommending that the Board of Public Works immediately proceed with demolition and removal of the buildings, including the historic old Lugo House. At this time there is no further word as to the action that has been taken.

Fallsburg, New York. The Sullivan County Historical Society recently adopted a resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to spare the Old Falls Bridge, which is to be replaced by a new bridge in a new location.

Portsmouth Harbor, New Hampshire. The National Council has been assisting the State of New Hampshire in its efforts to obtain old Fort Constitution as a State-owned property. The property will shortly be declared surplus to the needs of the Federal Government and the State application will be considered.

New York City. City Hall, praised as one of the twelve finest architectural achievements in the United States, will have its exterior rehabilitated starting this summer. The present plan is to reface the buildings with Alabama limestone of a quality and appearance closely similar to the original light gray marble. It will cost more than a million and a half dollars.

Staten Island, New York. The Historic Richmond Town Restoration Foundation, a project of the Staten Island Historical Society, in mid-May announced a major project in the field of preservation. The long-range program for the restoration of the colonial center will call for the reconstruction and rebuilding of 32 structures on old sites. The total estimated cost is $1,000,000. The Historical Society has been active for many years and, largely on the basis of volunteer help, has preserved a number of the structures that will form the nucleus for the completed village.

While "American Heritage," the new magazine of history published by the American Association for State and Local History, a member organization, continues to blaze a bright and colorful trail, plans are under way for the launching of another popular

magazine of history. The Society of American Historians is conducting a fund-raising campaign to launch its own version of what such a magazine should be. In the meantime, if there are any readers who have not yet seen "American Heritage," arrangements can be made through the National Council to receive a free trial copy of the fine summer number just published.

Preservations in Progress.

Monterey, California. The Monterey Foundation, a member organization, is completing its restoration of the Gutierrez Adobe, the only building still existing in Monterey that was built and occupied by a peasant. The work has been done slowly and carefully under the supervision of a competent committee. Many special problems of restoration had to be solved in the three years since it was purchased. When it is opened to the public soon, it will approximate as nearly as possible the living conditions of a family of humble origin in 1840.

Dover, Delaware. The Delaware State Museum has started work on the restoration of the old Presbyterian Church, which was erected in 1790. It will be opened in the fall.

New York City. The famous St. Paul's Chapel on Broadway will be closed during the summer for extensive renovation work. The architect in charge has announced that he would take pains to preserve the original appearance of the church, which was built in 1766.

Chinook, Washington. Fort Washington, at the mouth of the Columbia River, has been turned over by the Federal Government to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. If possible the Fort itself will be opened to the public this summer. Eventually the whole history of the mouth of the Columbia will be depicted in an interpretive museum.

Milton, Massachusetts. The Milton Historical Society is restoring and redecorating the Governor Belcher House, which was built in 1777.

Burlington, New Jersey. The two-story brick Revell House, erected in 1685, is being restored by the Colonial Burlington Society, which will maintain it as a local shrine.

East Greenwich, Rhode Island. "Smith's Castle", the 17th-century house that was purchased by the Cocumscussoc Association, a member organization, has been unofficially opened to the public. Council members who may be in the vicinity are particularly invited to view the work that is now in progress. The refurbished house has been used for the Association's recent annual meetings, as well as for meetings of other organizations. Work is also going forward on the grounds, on the collection of historical data, and in the preparation of new literature.

Jackson, California. Two huge relics of gold mining days in California have been turned over to the Amador County Historical Society to be used as the focal point of a county park. They are the so-called tailing wheels, wooden wheels 68 feet in diameter, which were used to impound the crushed rock residue at the now defunct Kennedy Mine.

Mystic, Connecticut. It was noted in the last "Report" that an effort was being made to collect funds to save the 51-year-old Hudson River ferryboat "Brinckerhoff", the last of her type. The effort was successful and the "Brinckerhoff" has been towed from Kingston, New York, to the Marine Museum here, where she will be displayed along with the "Joseph Conrad" and other vessels.

New York City. Work on Castle Clinton will begin shortly after title to the property, which has been turned over to the National Park Service by the City of New York, has been accepted by the Federal Government. It is hoped that the restoration will be sufficiently under way to open the monument to the public this fall.

Castine, Maine. Miss Amy Cate Witherle has bequeathed to the State of Maine the Revolutionary Fort George for use as a public park.

Leesburg, Virginia. During Historic Garden Week in Virginia this spring Colonial Leesburg, Inc., a member organization, pushed its plan to preserve the architectural distinction of the community. A series of exhibits showed how the organization planned to encourage and facilitate the work of voluntary restoration, alteration, and reconstruction of Leesburg's buildings.

Charles G. Sauers, Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, a member organization of the National Council, has been elected Chairman of the National Park Service's Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments. He succeeds Dr. Waldo G. Leland, a founding member of the National Council and member of its Committee on Standards and Surveys.

Active Preservations

Tarrytown, New York. Direct train service on regular schedule from New York City to Sunnyside, the restored home of Washington Irving, started in June. Nearby is another restoration made possible through the generosity of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Philipse Castle.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ronald F. Lee, Chief Historian of the National Park Service and Secretary of both the National Council and National Trust, accepted the key to the Morris House, in Germantown, on behalf of the Federal Government in a recent ceremony there. British headquarters after the Battle of Germantown in 1777 and temporary residence of George Washington in 1793, the house will be operated and administered under a cooperative agreement with the Department of the Interior by a member organization of the National Council, the Germantown Historical Society.

King City, California. Mission San Antonio de Padua, third oldest of the California missions, has been restored after more than two years work, which was financed by the Hearst Foundation, Inc. The mission, 27 miles south of King City, was dedicated in an early June ceremony and is being re-activated as a "living mission." The entire atmosphere and industrial life of the early California period is to be maintained.

Great Falls, Maryland. The Great Falls Tavern, located near Lock 20 on the Nations Park Service's Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, has been restored and is being opened to the public this summer. The Montgomery County Historical Society is cooperating in arranging the museum facilities, which will depict the history of the canal and transportation.

Cooperstown, New York. The New York State Historical Association, a member organization of the National Council, has dedicated its restoration of its pre-Civil War country law office at the Farmers' Museum. It has also announced that it plans to increase the crossroads village development by re-erecting on the property an early 19th century farmhouse, a smokehouse, and barn. Eventually a complete unit of farm buildings will be on exhibit.

Williamsburg, Virginia. Colonial Williamsburg has entered on the final phase of its physical restoration program, with seven different projects to restore the colonial portions of the historic city as they were two centuries ago under way. Recently completed were the Pasteur-Galt Apothecary Shop and Nicholson's Shop. As Williamsburg sets to work to complete its program, which is expected to require upwards of ten years for completion, still more attention is being given to interpretation of the area to a steadily-increasing number of visitors.

Spokane, Washington. The State Parks Commission has announced that it is preparing to make improvements at the historic site on the Little Spokane River. Pre-historic Indian writings and paintings will be made more accessible to visitors.

McGregor, Iowa. At the newly created Effigy Mound National Monument a military road laid out 100 years ago will be restored this summer as a hiker's footpath.

Harvard, Massachusetts. Fruitlands and the Wayside Museums, Inc., a member organization, has opened its exhibit for the summer. In addition to Fruitlands, the group includes a museum of Transcendentalism, and old Shaker house, an American Indian museum, a picture gallery, and a library.

Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Friendship Hill, the historic home of Albert Gallatin, is again open to the public. The house, which contains many exhibits connected with the life of the second Secretary of the Treasury, is on the banks of the Monongahela River about 15 miles from Uniontown.

Wethersfield, Connecticut. Restoration of the Buttolph-Williams House, a fine example of 17th century architecture, is being undertaken by the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Inc., of Connecticut, a member organization. A total budget of $65,000, including a modest endowment, has been set up and almost half has already been raised.

New York City. The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, a member organization, has proposed that Alexander Hamilton's early 19th century country home, which it maintains, be moved to the site which will be left vacant when the Claremont Inn is razed. The Municipal Art Society, another member organization, has approved the razing of the Inn, on Riverside Drive, on the ground that repeated alterations have robbed it of historical value.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Fort Washington Park, where George Washington brought his troops on the way to Valley Forge, is to receive further development shortly. Some $40,000 will be spent to rehabilitate the area, which has received little attention for the past 15 years.

No official decision has yet been given by the White House Commission as to the disposition of surplus material permanently removed in the renovation of that structure. It has been announced, however, that distribution will be on a "non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-commercial" basis. First choice, it is said, will go to colleges, libraries, museums, and patriotic and civic groups. It is estimated that there are about 790,000 pieces that will be made available. Meanwhile it has been announced that the re-building project is coming along ahead of schedule, but that the date of completion will still be October, 1951.

Foreign Preservation

Washington, England. A small group of local inhabitants has purchased "Old Hall", which is on the site of the original home of the forebears of George Washington. The Washington family moved to Northamptonshire in 1376 and lived in Sulgrave Manor, which has been preserved. "Old Hall", condemned in 1934, now stands derelict, awaiting funds for restoration.

Braubach, Germany. A recent Associated Press dispatch says that the Association for the Conservation of German Castles is fighting a losing battle. The market for castles as residences is not good and only about 2,000 out of 10,000 castles in all Germany are being used. The remainder are rapidly disintegrating.

Sussex, England. The British National Trust will not open Lamb House, for 20 years the home of Henry James, this year. The house, which suffered severely during the war, is being restored. The elegant George III "Garden House", in which the author dictated many of his later novels, will be rebuilt.

Ontario, Canada. Fort George, restored as a historic landmark ten years ago, was formally opened recently in a ceremony that was delayed by the war years. It faces old Fort Niagara, which is in New York State, across the Niagara River. A friendly salute of cannon from each fort roared across the River as part of the event.

> American naturalists have taken a page out of the book of the National Council. Recently introduced into the Congress was H.R. 8513, "A Bill to facilitate the conservation of wildlife and the preservation of natural features by providing a Nature Conservancy of the United States." The Nature Conservancy is akin in its field to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States. The bill follows the National Trust legislation quite closely.

The Passing Parade.

Upper Marlboro, Maryland. OLD HOUSE AND PRICELESS HEIRLOOMS LOST IN FIRE.

Grand Rapids, Michigan. LAST OF THREE FINE PRE-CIVIL WAR MANSIONS CRUMBLING FROM NEGLECT.

Hawthorne, New Jersey. PASSAIC COUNTY PARK COMMISSION TO TEAR DOWN FORMER HEADQUARTERS OF LAFAYETTE FOR LACK OF FUNDS.

Great Falls, Virginia. FIRE COMPLETELY DESTROYS HISTORIC DICKEY HOUSE, FORMER C & O CANAL INN.

Washington. BACKWATERS FROM MCNARY DAM WILL INUNDATE SACAJAWEA STATE PARK.

Lower Burrell Township, Pennsylvania. 150-YEAR-OLD FARMHOUSE, ONE OF OLDEST LANDMARKS IN DISTRICT, IS RAZED.

Redwood City, California. VICTORIAN BARN AND CARRIAGE HOUSE TORN DOWN TO MAKE WAY FOR NEW SUBDIVISION.

Palmyra, New York. STONE HOUSE BUILT IN 1840'S BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE.

Kalamazoo, Michigan. CIVIL WAR STORE TO BE REPLACED BY MODERN OFFICE BUILDING.

Brooklyn, New York. CENTURY-OLD RESTAURANT, STILL OPERATING, BURNS TO GROUND.

Ripley, West Virginia. PIONEER FLOUR MILL TORN DOWN.

Adel, Iowa. EARLY COMMUNITY STORE TO BE REPLACED BY NEW BANK.

> The Brooklyn Museum has purchased the 294-year old Schenck House in Brooklyn and will take it down and re-erect it in its entirety in the Museum. It is believed to be the oldest inhabited house in New York State. The house was a gift from the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company, a dredging concern that had owned it since 1909.

Historic Zoning. This is a subject that has come to loom larger and larger in the preservation picture in the minds of those who are working on National Council and National Trust affairs. The importance of community zoning ordinances that help to preserve historic and architectural values has been known in some cities for many years. Charleston, New Orleans, and Alexandria, Virginia, all have ordinances that have been in effect for a long time. More recently Williamsburg, Virginia, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina, have enacted similar provisions. Because of the interest that has been shown in this type of legislation, the National Council has prepared copies that are available for free distribution for those who wish them.

Currently there is renewed activity in other quarters in this field. Last fall the City Attorney of Richmond, Virginia, in the wake of a study made by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, offered an official opinion that historic zoning was a constitutional use of the police power. A bill giving the City of Richmond the authority to acquire, preserve, and maintain places of historic interest has been introduced into the Virginia General Assembly, however, as a substitute for the proposed zoning ordinance. Now both the District of Columbia and the City of Philadelphia are considering legislation that will protect sections of their cities. The Congress of the United States now has before it a bill to set aside a district to be known as "Old Georgetown". It has passed the House District Committee and awaits action on the floor of both the House and the Senate. In Philadelphia, meanwhile, the Germantown Historical Society has been sponsoring the introduction of a similar ordinance protecting sections of Germantown. In both instances the National Council has given its support, for it is believed that even though the legality of such measures has never been fully tested, much good can be accomplished by sensible application of the provisions.

> Since the last "Report" went to press, Nevada's Virginia City Foundation Trust has become a member organization of the National Council. Note had been taken in an earlier edition of the activity of that group and its ingenuity in meeting its problems. Today, unfortunately, the Trust has still more problems. On June 15, a fire got under way among the old wooden buildings and the plank sidewalks. Only a providential rain, it is said, saved the whole mining town from destruction. Three buildings that had escaped the big fire in 1875 went up

in crackling flames and represent irretrievable losses, the Wells Fargo Express Company, the Post Office, and the old George T. Marye Building. A message of sympathy to the Virginia City Foundation Trust went out on behalf of the membership of the National Council. The response was heartening, for it indicated that even as the ashes were cooling, plans were being made to continue the work already begun.

In Print. Miss Alice Winchester and the Staff of The Magazine ANTIQUES are credited as co-editors of The Antiques Book, just published in New York by A. A. Wyn, Inc., for $6. Out of 2500 articles that have appeared in the magazine since its inception, this anthology contains 35 "outstanding and representative" ones. Its coverage is best described by the subtitle: "Outstanding Authoritative Articles on Ceramics, Furniture, Glass, Silver, Pewter, Architecture, Prints, and Other Collecting Interests."

A standard reference book in the field of furniture, Edgar G. Miller's two-volume American Antique Furniture, has been slightly abridged and re-issued in a single volume as The Standard Book of American Antique Furniture (New York: Greystone Press, $7.95). It is a helpful guide, especially to pieces in private homes. Each chapter of the 856-page book deals with a particular article of furniture and presents a continuous story throughout various styles.

Dr. Carl Bridenbaugh, Director of the Institute of Early American Culture at Williamsburg, Virginia, delivered the Anson G. Phelps Lectures in Early American History at New York University this year. The University Press has issued those lectures in book form, The Colonial Craftsmen ($4.25). This study of the artisans of the Colonies will enhance Dr. Bridenbaugh's already considerable reputation for sound research and scholarship.

Announcement was made in May of the formation of the International Institute for the Conservation of Museum Objects. It was established as a nonprofit corporation under British law and will have its central office in London and branch offices in the United States and Europe. George Stout, Director of the Worcester (Massachusetts) Art Museum, was named President. Its general purposes are to define and maintain proper standards of practice in the care and treatment of museum objects, to foster international exchange of technical information, to provide consultation services on museum problems, to promote research, to coordinate training programs, and to issue regular publications covering museum conservation. The present membership is chiefly in the art museum field, but the Institute plans eventually to serve all institutions charged with the preservation of cultural material. If it succeeds in that objective, it is a movement that will help everyone in the field of historical preservation.

Signs of the Times. Into the National Council Headquarters there is flowing now a large volume of information. Some of it is rather difficult to classify, even though it does seem to fall within our purview. If there were more time or even if there were, properly speaking, an editor for this "Report", which must be turned out too hastily, some pattern probably could be established. Rather than omit them - for they all have a certain degree of interest - they are included here for the benefit of those who seek trends.

The State of Virginia is this year spending $1,000,000 to sell itself as a tourist land. The aim is to boost Virginia's income from travel up to the half a billion dollar mark. Last year it made only (!) a bit less than a quarter of a billion.

The Bronxville Federal Savings and Loan Association, near New York City, has created a Victorian room that is available for monthly meetings of community organizations. The room re-creates faithfully the elegance of the Victorian era.

A granite monument four feet high and ten feet long and titled "The Cimarron Cowboy" has been dedicated at Freedom, Oklahoma. It features a map drawn in 1883, as well as murals depicting local historical events.

A Society for the Preservation of Early Georgia History was recently organized on the University of Georgia Campus. It proposes to study early sites and landmarks, sponsor educational programs, and support Governmental programs similar to the Federal River Basin Survey.

When the house in which Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born, in Portland, Maine, was damaged by fire in April, it re-opened the controversy between those who think it should be renovated and those who want to tear it down because it is, they say an "eyesore".

Seattle, Oregon, is contemplating a museum combining both the history and the industry of the city. Plans for a building to house the exhibits have been completed and funds have been raised for its construction.

The two hundredth anniversary of the building of the first house west of the Alleghenies was celebrated in Barbourville, Kentucky, late in April. A replica of the log cabin was dedicated and Vice President Alben Barkley was Kentuckian enough to travel from Washington for the celebration.

The Wilmington, Delaware, "Sunday Star" has started an antiquarian section "because of the interest in such things manifest in Delaware and the surrounding districts".

Katmai National Monument on the Alaskan Peninsula is setting up two tourist camps to take care of the increased visitation.

The Tavern in Arrow Rock State Park in Missouri is a museum rich with historic exhibits of the Old West. What is more, for $2 a night you can sleep there in the old Tavern rooms, just as they did in the good old days.

A pre-Civil War house in New York City, only three blocks from Times Square and concealed from public view, came to light with a bright splash of publicity when excavation was begun for a new bus terminal.

The Mayor of Louisville, Kentucky, has appointed a committee to devise a program to save the city's landmarks and historic buildings. The committee is to list properties worthy of preservation and to recommend measures to insure their preservation.